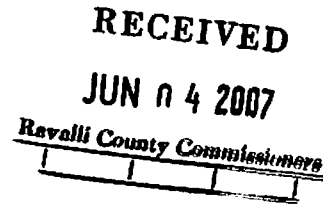


Date: March 15th, 2007
To: Ravalli County Commissioners
From: Shaen McElravy M.S.W.,L.A.C.
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Re: 1-2 Zoning



Dear Commissioners,

I am concerned about the repeated disregard of the emergency interim zoning called 1 per 2. It appears that there have been repeated attempts to thwart the will of the voters. They voted last November to limit subdivision to one house per 2 acres. There was not any language about average density. Giving an approval to the latest subdivision request is in direct conflict with the public trust. The public trusted you to uphold their request and laws.

Now you are holding public meetings to further ferret out the interpretations of the 1 per 2 zoning. You are continuing to do so, even though George Corn your County Attorney has given you specific advice that the final plat needs to be 2 acres minimum.

It appears that you are continuing to waste the public's time and County resources to further your interests with the developers in this county who want the rules bent for them. These actions continue to destroy any public trust you may have had with them. The current Oligarchy form of government needs to change now and that is why the voters voted for additional commissioners.

If you wish to rebuild any public trust, I ask you to pass a referendum extending the 1 per 2 an additional year. I would like to see the referendum completed by April 1st 2007. The County Planning Department has already informed your office and the public that it will take them 18-20 months to complete the zoning process. It is within your power to extend it now.

I do not want to see what happened last fall when the new subdivision regulations were to go into affect by October 1st and they were not. I remember the minutes from May 2006 when commissioner Chilcott and Thompson stated that completing the subdivision regulations were a priority and it did not happen.

I have serious concerns that the commissioners' lack of action last year has made the county and its citizens more liable for pending lawsuits from the developers. Let's not make the same mistake twice.

Shaen McElravy _____